

46. (New) A structural acoustical shield as recited in claim 38, wherein the metal foil of the at least two layers of metal sheets has a thickness of 0.002 in. (0.05 mm) or less.

REMARKS

This application is a divisional of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/784,652 and is filed to be copending with the parent application. In the parent, a Notice of Non-Responsive Amendment was mailed on March 5, 2002. Since the Amendment appeared to be a bona fide attempt to reply, applicant was given a time period of one (1) month or thirty days, whichever was longer, from the mailing date of the notice, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. Thus, the parent application is pending to April 5, 2002.

This Preliminary Amendment is filed in this application as a response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2002, in U.S. Application Serial No. 09/784,652. Applicant requests that the following remarks be considered with the initial examination of this application.

Claims 1-20 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter contained therein. Claims 21-46 are currently pending. No new matter has been added.

As set forth above, this application has been amended to include the full parentage and status of each parent application in the first section of the specification. In addition, an abstract of the disclosure has been added.

CONCLUSION

Examination and allowance of this application are respectfully requested. In the event that there are any questions concerning this Preliminary Amendment, or the application in general, the Examiner is respectfully urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that prosecution may be expedited.

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